

1 I claim:

2 1. A device for reading information recorded on a magnetic strip
3 incorporated in printed media, comprising:
4 a first guide member;
5 a second guide member disposed in proximity to said first guide member
6 to form a groove through which said magnetic strip may be slidably moved;
7 a magnetic reading head having a contact end disposed in said groove and
8 facing said first guide member which is operable when said magnetic strip is slidably
9 moved through said groove to generate an electrical signal therefrom;
10 a strip of resilient material held in a flexed position between a pair of
11 mounts disposed on either side of said magnetic reading head, so as to cause said strip to
12 engage said magnetic reading head and apply a force thereto so as to bias said contact end
13 thereof toward said first guide member; and
14 a circuit to process said electronic signal to generate therefrom an output
15 compatible with a peripheral input provided on a computer.

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